



The Pavilion Gardens (67)

Wed, 28th Jul 2004, The Pavilion Gardens

Lot 48

Estimate: £9500 - £11000 + Fees

2000 Mini Classic Seven

Registration No: UN-REG

Chassis No: 185407

Mot Expiry: None

Just as soon as the nimble little Mini roared onto the scene in 1959, it was obvious that this was a brilliant concept from the drawing board of one of the most ingenious automobile engineers of all time, Alec Issigonis. For by placing an independently sprung wheel at each corner and employing a transversely mounted engine in unit with the gearbox, the front-wheel drive package delivered superlative handling and achieved an impressive power to weight ratio.

The Mini was an instant success in BMC dealer showrooms and, thanks to a tie-up with racing car constructor John Cooper, which led to increasing power outputs from larger and larger engines, the mighty Mini did well on the racing circuits. Meanwhile, thanks to the factory Competition Department and their works team Minis, it became the vehicle of choice among the rally fraternity.

This Mini really is quite extraordinary. For the 2000-built Classic Seven, a 2-door and righthand drive saloon with 1275cc 4-cylinder engine, is absolutely brand new having been driven zero miles - yes, there was no mileage at all displayed on the odometer when entered for this sale! This, one of the all-time British classics was purchased having been freshly manufactured at Longbridge in June 2000, since when the Old English White painted car with interior in cream and red has been most carefully preserved in a Carcoon. This is likely to be an unrepeatable opportunity to acquire one of the final and real traditional Minis.

PLEASE NOTE: This vehicle has a flat battery due to storage.